



Most Memorable Wines from the 2016 Wine Bloggers Conference: Part 1

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This was my third year attending the Wine Bloggers Conference (WBC), and I feel like I'm getting the hang of the endless wine sampling challenge that it is — three to four days full of it, if you add an excursion! I'm still forgetting hair ties to assist with the spitting, though. Maybe I need to chop it all off again?



That's about as short as my hair gets.

With so many wines to consider in so little time, a lot of them blend together. It takes a special bottle to leave an impression. Two weeks later, I know these wines are unique if I'm still thinking about them! That doesn't mean they were the best wines I had over the Wine Bloggers Conference weekend, but they are the ones I'm most likely to remember in the future. Give them a try and let me know if they take up permanent residence in your memory, too!

Palate Cleanser: Pacific Coast Dry Apple Cider with Pinot Grigio



I enjoyed getting to see the new Scotto Cellars tasting room in downtown Lodi during one of the after parties, and while it was fun to try the [Masthead wine](#) blended by my fellow WBC bloggers (Cindy of [Grape Experiences](#), Melanie of [Dallas Wine Chick](#), and Nancy and Peter of [Pull That Cork](#)), what I enjoyed most that evening was the Cider Brothers' Dry Apple Cider with Pinot Grigio. It awakened my palate just when I'd given up hope on my poor little taste buds. The bubbles explode over the tongue, and the sharp apple taste and appealing acidity combine with pinot grigio's sweetness to make a stellar refresher.

Seeing my excitement over the cider, Michael Scotto quickly set me up with a flight of their new William Tell selections. The Apple Mango Muscat, Strawberry, and Wild Cherry were all fun to taste, with the mango option surprisingly appealing (I have a history with muscat...a dark one)—



—but that pinot grigio cider is the one that gets the credit for bringing my senses back to life and the one I'll be seeking out soon.

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